(c) whether Government propose to privatise the housing activities in the cities, particularly metropolitan cities; and

(f) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI RAM JETHMALANI): (a) Yes, Sir. The Working Group on Urban Housing has estimated the extent of housing shortage in urban areas in 1997 as 7.57 million dwelling units.

(b) The National Agenda for Governance envisages construction of 20 lakh additional houses each year in the country, out of which 7 lakh houses will be constructed in urban areas. The State-wise break up of the additional target was discussed in the Conference of State Housing Ministers held recently. The Central Government would function as facilitator and would ensure that housing finance and appropriate technology is made available. The legal and regullatory reforms are being taken up to given a boost to housing activity. The States will be working towards achievement of targets fixed under the Action Plan for implementation of the Agenda for Governance.

(c) and (d) Nearly 3/4th of housing activity is undertaken by private and household initiatives. Involvement of private sector to take up house construction activity for all section will be an important element of the proposed Action Plan. Non Govt. Organisations and Cooperative Sector will also play a significant role in achievement of targets. However, LIG & EWS group will continue to get the facility of concessional interest rate. However, the manner and extent to which the private sector is to be involved, would need to be worked out by the respective States.

LPG Godowns sites in Trans-Yamuna

2901. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1077, given in the Rajya Sabha on July 31, 1997 and state;

(a) whether the four LPG godowns sites in Serivce Centre No. 11 near Chilla Dallupura in Trans-Yamuna Delhi have since been identified and approved by the competent authority of the DDA;

(b) if so, what sites have been demarcated, allotted and handed over to the incumbent LOI holders of LPG distributorship awaiting their turn for around four years; and

(c) if not, at what stage matter stands at present?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir, The following LPG Godown sites near Chilla Dallupura in Trans-Yamuna Delhi have been allotted to the LOI holders of LPG Distributorship on the basis of their seniority in a draw held on 26.6.98 by D.D.A:—

1. 89, Dallupura Service Centre II.
2. 91, Dallupura Service Centre II.
3. 90, Dallupura.
4. 88, Dallupura.

Construction of Park in DIZ Area

2902. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be please to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration regarding the construction of a park in DIZ area, Sector-4, Raja Bazar, New Delhi;

(b) if so, that details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that a number of representations have been submitted by the resident of the colony in this regard; and

(d) if so, the reasons for delay and by when the park would be made and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The proposal includes development of the lawn, plantation of trees and raising of flower beds. The park will be protected by a compound wall/grill and have a jogging track within it.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Administrative approval for development of the proposed park has been given in March, 1998 and the work is likely to be completed by March, 1999.

Change in the names of the Roads/ Circles

2903. DR. RAJA RAMANNA : Will the MINISTER OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be please to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many roads and circles in the country which were named after very distinguished persons who were associated with the freedom struggle are being replaced due to political reasons;

(b) the need for a national policy for naming important roads in big cities and retaining them and also deletion of names of rulers from the previous era who did much harm to the country; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government to replace the names of roads to be named after freedom fighters and other eminent personalities who have done great service in their respective fields?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (c) The subject of naming of roads and circles after very distringuished persons is a subject dealt with by the Local Bodies/ State Government concerned within their jurisdiction.

(b) In view of above, it is not considered necessary to have a national policy for naming important roads in big cities or for deleting names of rules from the previous era.

12.00 NOON

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

I. Report and Accounts (1996-97) of the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, New Delhi and related papers.

II. Memorandum of Understanding between Government of India and the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, New Delhi.

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT) Sir, I lay on the Table a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following papers:—

(i) (a) Annual Report and Acounts of the National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, New Delhi, for the year 1996-97, together with the Auditors' Report on the Accounts.

(b) Statement by Government accepting the above Report.

(c) Statement giving reasons for the delay in laying the papers mentioned at (a) above.

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(ii) **Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of India (Ministry of Industry, Department of Small Scale Industries and Agro and Rural Industries) and the National Small Industries Corporation Limited, for the year 1998-99.**

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